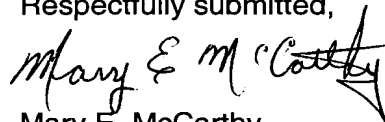


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/005966 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution.

Claims 1-5, as amended during the international phase of prosecution, are pending. Claims 2 and 4 have been cancelled. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). Entry of this amendment into the record is requested.

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